

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 30-60 are pending in the present application, Claims 30, 40, 43, 46, and 51 having been amended, and Claims 57-60 having been added. Support for new Claims 57-60 is believed to be self-evident from the originally filed specification. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 51 and 56 were objected to; Claims 30-50, 52, 53, and 55 were allowed, and Claims 51 and 56 were indicated as being allowable if amended to correct the informalities.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

With respect to the objection to Claim 51, this claim is amended to change the dependency to Claim 43. Accordingly, this ground of objection is overcome.

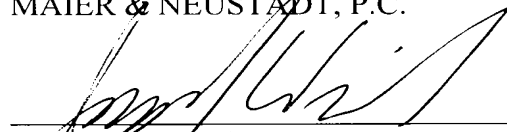
With respect to the objection to Claim 56, Applicants respectfully traverse this ground of objection. Claim 56 is a multiple dependent claims that does refer to other claims in the alternative. Claim 56 states "...the method recited in any one of Claims 30-55). MPEP §608.01(n)(I)(A) provides examples of acceptable multiple dependent claim language. MPEP §608.01(n)(I)(A) provides "in any one of claims 1, 2, and 3" as an acceptable example.¹ This is analogous to the present wording of Claim 56. Thus, Claim 56 is written in acceptable alternative language and this ground of objection should be withdrawn.

¹ MPEP §608.01(n)(I)(A), see the 3rd example, which states in its entirety "Claim 5. A gadget as in any one of claims 1, 2, and 3, in which ---."

As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for formal allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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